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SUBJ: SCC -- KADENA AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA

REF: STATE 18244 DTG 282245Z JAN 74

1. EMBASSY IS MUCH APPRECIATIVE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED REFTTEL TO RELEASE 45 ACRE PORTION KADENA AMMO STORAGE AREA, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE WELL AWARE THAT NECESSARY STAFFING OF PROPOSAL HAD TO BE DONE ON CRASH BASIS. WE BELIEVE ALL THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE, HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS SO OBVIOUS TO GOJ THAT WE MADE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT TO MEET ONE OF THEIR LATE APPEARING PROBLEMS.

2. IN ANNOUNCING US ACTION TO GOJ OFFICIALS, WE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE MAXIMUM CAPITAL, NOT SO MUCH IN TERMS OF IMMEDIATE QUID PRO QUO BUT IN TERMS OF LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR LONGER TERM GOJ EFFORT RESPECTING EXECUTION OF JFAP AND INVESTMENTS IN GENERAL IN US FACILITIES.

3. AT RECEPTION FOR SCC PARTICIPANTS JAN 29, CHARGE CONFIRMED TO JDA DIRGEN YAMANAKA THAT LATTER'S PROPOSAL
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REGARDING THE KADENA AMMO STORAGE AREA HAD BEEN APPROVED

BY THE US SIDE. YAMANAKA EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S GRATIFICATION. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT THE SOLUTION ARRIVED AT HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH MUCH HARD WORK ON PART OF BOTH US AND JAPANESE SIDES. CHARGE SAID THE US WAS ANXIOUS TO HELP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN REMOVING OBSTACLES TO THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JFAP. HE WAS SURE YAMANAKA UNDERSTOOD THE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED IN THE AMMO STORAGE AREA AND HOPED YAMANAKA WOULD TALK TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE SO THEY WOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE FURTHER DEMANDS. YAMANAKA SAID HE DID INDEED UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED. THE VISIT OF VICE MINISTER SHIMADA AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OKAWARA TO WASHINGTON HAD HELPED GREATLY IN ACQUAINTING HIM WITH THE COMPLICATED FACTORS AND PROBLEMS INVOLVED. HE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY MAKE EFFORTS TO HAVE THE PEOPLE OF KADENA UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION.

4. DEP ASST SEC SNEIDER RAISED THE PROBLEM OF SLOW PROGRESS ON PROJECTS AT IWAKUNI AND MISAWA. YAMANAKA REPLIED THAT THE PROBLEM IS CAUSED BY BUDGETARY STRICTURES, BUT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO SEE THAT EXISTING GOJ COMMITMENTS ARE FULFILLED.

5. JAPANESE MEDIA REACTION TO OBCP ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN GENERALLY GOOD, AND COVERAGE HAS BEEN HEAVY. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FULLER RPORT OF REACTION AFTER COMMENTARIES HAVE BEEN ANALYZED.
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